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Arizona Cotton Acreage Intentions Decrease

Cotton acreage in Arizona is expected to total 204,000 acres, compared to 260,000 acres last year. Growers of upland cotton intend to plant 200,000 acres, a decrease of 50,000 acres from last season, and producers of American-Pima have indicated that they will plant 4,000 acres, down 6,000 acres from last season.

United States Cotton Acreage Expected To Decrease 11 Percent

For United States, all cotton planted area for 2012 is expected to total 13.2 million acres, 11 percent below last year. Upland acreage is expected to total 12.9 million acres, down 11 percent from 2011. American Pima acreage is expected to total 270,000 acres, down 12 percent from 2011.

Field preparation is taking place in the southeast while planting is underway in southern Texas and Arizona. As of March 25, cotton planting in Texas was 9 percent complete, 2 points ahead of last year and 4 points ahead of the 5-year average. Heavy precipitation in the Delta Region has delayed fieldwork in some areas and eased the drought in Louisiana. A mild winter in some cotton growing areas has producers bracing for potentially higher than normal insect and weed pressure.

Cotton: Area Planted By Type, State, and United States, 2010-2012

Type and State	Area Planted			
	2010	2011	Indicated 2012 1/	2012 as % of 2011
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Upland				
AL	340.0	460.0	400.0	87
AZ	**195.0**	**250.0**	**200.0**	**80**
AR	545.0	680.0	590.0	87
CA	124.0	182.0	150.0	82
FL	92.0	122.0	110.0	90
GA	1,330.0	1,600.0	1,400.0	88
KS	51.0	80.0	55.0	69
LA	255.0	295.0	270.0	92
MS	420.0	630.0	580.0	92
MO	310.0	375.0	375.0	100
NM	48.0	68.0	50.0	74
NC	550.0	805.0	700.0	87
OK	285.0	415.0	350.0	84
SC	202.0	303.0	340.0	112
TN	390.0	495.0	420.0	85
TX	5,550.0	7,550.0	6,800.0	90
VA	83.0	116.0	95.0	82
US	10,770.0	14,426.0	12,885.0	89
American-Pima				
AZ	**2.5**	**10.0**	**4.0**	**40**
CA	182.0	273.0	250.0	92
NM	2.7	3.4	3.0	88
TX	17.0	20.0	13.0	65
US	204.2	306.4	270.0	88
All				
US	10,974.2	14,732.4	13,155.0	89

1/ Intended plantings in 2012 as indicated by reports from farmers.

U.S. Barley Intentions Up 30 Percent
Corn Intentions Up 4 Percent From Last Year

Producers intend to seed 3.33 million acres of barley for the 2012 crop year, up 30 percent from last year's record low. If realized, this will be the third smallest seeded area on record, despite the large increase from last year. Seeded area is expected to increase across much of the Northern Tier, where acreages declined significantly in 2011 due to an unusually wet spring that left many producers unable to seed all of their intended acreage. Elsewhere, barley acreage is expected to decline in many of the Atlantic Coast States. Producers in New York are expecting to seed a record low acreage in 2012.

Growers intend to plant 95.9 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2012, up 4 percent from last year and 9 percent higher than in 2010. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1937 when an estimated 97.2 million acres were planted. Planted acreage is expected to be up in most States compared to last year due to expectations of better net returns in 2012 compared to other commodities. Record corn acreage is expected in Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota, while acreage is expected to decrease in the central and southern Great Plains which experienced severe drought and above normal temperatures in 2011.

Arizona acreage seeded to barley totals 60,000 acres, down 5,000 from last year. Field corn acreage for all purposes is expected to total 60,000 acres, up 5,000 from 2011.

Area Planted, Selected States and U.S., 2010-2012

Crop and State	2010	2011	Indicated 2012 1/	2012 as % of 2011
		1.000 Acres		Percent
Barley 2/				
AZ	**45**	**65**	**60**	**92**
CA	110	100	90	90
CO	64	66	66	100
ID	490	520	590	113
MN	85	70	110	157
MT	760	700	810	116
ND	720	400	980	245
OR	45	38	40	105
SD	35	25	30	120
UT	39	35	40	114
WA	90	125	140	112
WY	75	75	70	93
US	2,872	2,559	3,333	130
Corn				
AZ	**45**	**55**	**60**	**109**
CA	610	630	640	102
CO	1,330	1,500	1,480	99
ID	320	350	350	100
IL	12,600	12,600	12,500	99
IN	5,900	5,900	6,100	103
IA	13,400	14,100	14,600	104
KS	4,850	4,900	4,700	96
MI	2,400	2,500	2,600	104
MN	7,700	8,100	8,700	107
MO	3,150	3,300	3,300	100
NE	9,150	9,850	10,300	105
NM	140	125	125	100
ND	2,050	2,230	3,400	152
OH	3,450	3,400	3,800	112
SD	4,550	5,200	5,500	106
TX	2,300	2,050	1,900	93
WA	200	195	195	100
WI	3,900	4,150	4,200	101
US	88,192	91,921	95,864	104

1/ Intended plantings in 2012 as indicated by reports from farmers.
2/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

U.S. All Hay Intentions Up 3 Percent From 2011

Hay producers intend to harvest 57.3 million acres of all hay in 2012, up 3 percent from last year's record low. If realized, this will be the second smallest harvested area on record. Producers in several States - Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania - intend to harvest record low acreages. Producers in Illinois expect to harvest a record-tying low acreage. Generally, all hay harvested acreage east of the Mississippi River is expected to decrease in 2012. Conversely, producers from the Great Plains westward intend to harvest more hay this season following the unusually dry conditions that limited hay production in 2011.

For **Arizona**, hay is expected to be harvested from 310,000 acres, 9 percent above last year. This acreage includes both alfalfa and other types of hay.

Area Harvested, Selected States and U.S., 2010-2012

State	2010	2011	Indicated 2012 1/	2012 as % of 2011
		1,000 Acres		Percent
All Hay				
AZ	**320**	**285**	**310**	**109**
AR	1,480	1,400	1,450	104
CA	1,480	1,390	1,500	108
CO	1,600	1,620	1,640	101
ID	1,470	1,350	1,330	99
IL	600	540	540	100
IN	670	670	670	100
IA	1,200	1,140	1,150	101
KS	2,550	2,400	2,500	104
MI	1,000	1,000	980	98
MN	1,900	1,830	1,870	102
MO	3,840	3,750	3,650	97
MT	2,850	2,700	2,750	102
NE	2,690	2,480	2,400	97
NV	470	450	430	96
NM	310	280	300	107
ND	2,550	2,480	2,800	113
OK	3,210	2,500	2,900	116
OR	1,045	1,030	1,100	107
SD	3,600	3,550	3,500	99
TX	5,220	3,700	4,400	119
UT	700	760	770	101
WA	840	780	840	108
WI	1,660	1,600	1,650	103
WY	1,190	1,120	1,250	112
US	59,872	55,633	57,348	103

1/ Intended area harvested in 2012 as indicated by reports from farmers.

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Arizona Wheat Seedings Up

Arizona's Durum wheat seedings are estimated at 100,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2011. Seedings of wheat other than Durum totaled 8,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from last year.

Wheat: Area Planted by State and U. S., 2010-2012 1/

Crop and State	2010	2011	Indicated 2012 2/	2012 as % of 2011
		1.000 Acres		Percent
Durum Wheat				
AZ	**80**	**80**	**100**	**125**
CA	105	120	140	117
ID	20	11	15	136
MT	540	400	460	115
ND	1,800	750	1,500	200
SD	15	8	8	100
US	2,560	1,369	2,223	162
Winter Wheat				
AZ 3/	**9**	**7**	**8**	**114**
AR	200	620	540	87
CA	660	670	670	100
CO	2,450	2,300	2,400	104
ID	750	820	780	95
IL	330	800	660	83
IN	250	430	390	91
KS	8,400	8,800	9,500	108
MI	530	700	570	81
MN	65	30	60	200
MO	370	790	770	97
MT	2,050	2,250	2,200	98
NE	1,600	1,520	1,350	89
NV	19	15	20	133
NM	470	435	460	106
ND	330	400	750	188
OH	780	880	580	66
OK	5,300	5,100	5,400	106
OR	820	830	790	95
SD	1,350	1,650	1,350	82
TX	5,700	5,300	5,800	109
UT	135	130	140	108
WA	1,750	1,760	1,700	97
WY	165	150	150	100
US	37,335	40,646	41,709	103

1/ Includes area planted in preceding fall in AZ and CA.
2/ Intended planting for 2012 as indicated by reports from farmers.
3/ Wheat other than Durum.

All Orange Production Down 1 Percent from March

The United States all orange forecast for the 2011-2012 season is 8.91 million tons, down 1 percent from the previous forecast but virtually unchanged from the revised 2010-2011 final utilization. The Florida all orange forecast, at 145 million boxes (6.53 million tons), is down 1 percent from the March forecast but up 3 percent from last season's revised final utilization. Early, midseason, and Navel varieties in Florida are forecast at 74.0 million boxes (3.33 million tons), unchanged from the March forecast but up 5 percent from last season. The Florida Valencia orange forecast, at 71.0 million boxes (3.20 million tons), is down 3 percent from the March forecast but up 1 percent from the revised 2010-2011 crop. Sizes for Valencia oranges in Florida are expected to be slightly smaller than average and fruit droppage is expected to be well above average.

The California all orange forecast is 58.0 million boxes (2.32 million tons), unchanged from the previous forecast but down 7 percent from last season's revised final utilization. The California Navel orange forecast is 44.0 million boxes (1.76 million tons), unchanged from the March forecast but down 8 percent from last season. The California Valencia orange forecast is 14.0 million boxes (560,000 tons), unchanged from the previous forecast but down 3 percent from last season's revised final utilization. Harvest of Navel oranges continued during March, while Valencia orange harvest began. The Texas orange forecast, at 1.39 million boxes (60,000 tons), is down 15 percent from the previous forecast and down 29 percent from last season's final utilization.

Spring Potatoes: Area Planted And Harvested, Yield, And Production 2011-2012

State	Area				Yield		Production	
	Planted		Harvested					
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Acres				Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
AZ	**3.8**	**3.5**	**3.8**	**3.5**	**280**	**300**	**1,064**	**1,050**
CA	28.1	30.0	28.0	30.0	390	385	10,920	11,550
FL	36.4	36.9	35.6	36.3	256	260	9,112	9,438
Hastings	23.4	23.6	23.1	23.3	270	260	6,237	6,058
Other FL	13.0	13.3	12.5	13.0	230	260	2,875	3,380
NC	17.0	18.0	16.5	17.0	170	190	2,805	3,230
TX	8.0	9.8	7.6	8.8	220	220	1,672	1,936
US	93.3	98.2	91.5	95.6	279	285	25,573	27,204

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March Farm Prices Received Index Up 5 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 186 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 5 points (2.8 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 8 points (3.9 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for soybeans, corn, broilers, and cattle and lower prices for milk, strawberries, snap beans, and lettuce. In addition to prices, the overall index is affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of soybeans, strawberries, broilers, and milk offset decreased marketings of corn, cattle, cotton, and wheat.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 13 points (7.5 percent) from March 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 173, increased 5 points (3.0 percent) from last month and March 2011.

Prices Paid Index up 1 Point

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 210 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 1 point (0.5 percent) from February and 9 points (4.5 percent) above March 2011. Compared with February, higher prices in March for diesel, gasoline, feed grains, and concentrates offset lower prices for nitrogen, potash & phosphate, feeder cattle, and supplements.

United States Price Index Summary Table

	2011	2012	
Index 1990-92 = 100	March	February	March
Prices Received	173	181	186
Prices Paid	201	209	210
Ratio 1/	86	87	89

1/ Ratio of index prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, March 2011 and 2012 and January 2012

		Arizona		
Commodity	Unit	Mar-11 Entire Month	Feb-12 Entire Month	Mar-12 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	$ Lb	**1/**	**0.894**	**1/**
Cottonseed 2/	$ Ton	**1/**	**299.00**	**1/**
Durum Wheat	$ Bu	**1/**	**1/**	**1/**
Alfalfa Hay 3/	$ Ton	**180.00**	**255.00**	**260.00**
Lemons 4/	$ Box	**1/**	**1/**	**1/**
All Milk 5/	$ Cwt	**19.90**	**17.10**	**16.50**
Commodity	Unit	United States		
Upland Cotton	$ Lb	0.844	0.924	0.936
Cottonseed 2/	$ Ton	1/	275.00	1/
Durum Wheat	$ Bu	8.09	8.95	9.21
Alfalfa Hay 3/	$ Ton	142.00	198.00	201.00
Lemons 4/	$ Box	29.60	35.50	35.00
Cows 6/	$ Cwt	75.20	82.00	84.50
Steers & Heifers	$ Cwt	118.00	131.00	134.00
Beef Cattle 7/	$ Cwt	115.00	127.00	130.00
Calves	$ Cwt	148.00	184.00	185.00
All Milk 5/	$ Cwt	20.40	17.70	17.40

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
2/ Marketing year August – February.
3/ Mid-month.
4/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons – 80 lbs.
5/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies
6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
7/ “Cows” and “steers and heifers” combined.